

WPHA Elects New Officers, Presents Awards at Annual Meeting in Carlsbad, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 8, 2012 - Members and staff of the Western Plant Health Association last week wrapped up their annual meeting in Carlsbad, Calif. During the three-day conference, new directors of the board were named, as well as two annual awards were presented.

Ron Naven, of Yara North America and 2012 WPHA board chair, turned the gavel over to incoming 2013 chair John Smith, of Bayer CropScience. Other changes included Scott Hushbeck of Wilbur-Ellis Co. as vice chair, and Steve Gillette of PotashCorp, elevated to secretary/treasurer. Outgoing board Director Chris Moudry of Basin Fertilizer and Chemical Co. departed the board after six years of service, replaced by Bill Gasser from the same company.

During the luncheon portion of the meeting, two awards were handed out: Yara North America's Harry J. Larsen Integrity Award, and WPHA's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Integrity Award went to Brandt Monterey Co. for its charity work and involvement in community programs and projects. Jay Yost, of IAP, won the Lifetime Achievement Award for his overall contributions over the years to agriculture and his work on various state and local boards, as well as serving as a former WPHA board director.



***ALL BUSINESS - 2013 WPHA Chair
John Smith, left, and outgoing Chair
Ron Naven, right, flank award winners
Jay Yost of IAP, second from left, and
Jim Tuttle of Brandt Monterey.***

